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SUBJ: FCIA CREDIT INSURANCE REQUEST FOR SALE OF ONE  
FOUR-UNIT NEWSPAPER PRINTING PRESS TO WAH SHENG  
DAILY NEWS

REF : STATE 026551

1. EMB HAD NO IN-HOUSE INFORMATION ON SUBJECT FIRM. BASED ON INFORMATION TAKEN FROM POLICE FILES, WAH SHENG, UNDER ANOTHER NAME, WAS ORIGINALLY GRANTED A LICENSE TO PUBLISH A CHINESE LANGUAGE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IN 1968. IT WAS LICENSED TO BECOME A BI-WEEKLY IN 1970, AND A DAILY NEWSPAPER ON JULY 9, 1973. BOARD CHAIRMAN IS OR WAS MAJOR PRAYUTH CHARUSATIRA, SON OF FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, MARSHAL PRAPASS CHARUSATIRA. EDITOR AND PUBLISHER IS MR. KIET TEJA-U-BOL, 50, ALSO KNOWN IN CHINESE AS KEELIEK SAE TAE. ACCORDING TO POLICE SOURCES, MR. KIET HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.

2. ACCORDING TO SEPARATE USIS SOURCES, NEWSPAPER HAS NEVER BEEN ISSUED AS A DAILY PAPER, AND IN FACT IS CURRENTLY NOT RPT NOT PUBLISHING AT ALL. PAPER ALLEGEDLY HAD FINANCIAL BACKING OF SUCH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS MARSHAL PRAPASS CHARUSATIRA AND COL. NARONG KITTIKACHORN  
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(SON OF FORMER PRIME MINISTER) UNDER PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT.  
WHEN GOVERNMENT FELL LAST OCTOBER, AND PRAPASS AND NARONG

FORCED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY, THIS FINANCIAL BACKING STOPPED  
AND PAPER CEASED PUBLISHING. PUBLISHER IS NOW REPORTEDLY  
LOOKING FOR NEW FINANCIAL BACKING FROM CHINESE BUSINESS  
COMMUNITY IN BANGKOK, WITH SOME MEASURE OF SUCCESS.

3. WITH EXCEPTION OF ABOVE, EMB PERCEIVES NO RPT NO POLI-  
TICAL OR OTHER REASONS EXIMBANK SHOULD NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER  
REQUEST.  
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